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Atty. Dkt. No. 056859-0115  
RCE  
1641

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Tarun K. DHAR et al.

Title: A HIGHLY COST-EFFECTIVE  
ANALYTICAL DEVICE FOR  
PERFORMING IMMUNOASSAYS  
WITH ULTRA HIGH SENSITIVITY

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Appl. No.: 09/779,455

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REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)  
TRANSMITTAL

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
PO Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application. This RCE and the enclosed items listed below are being filed prior to the earliest of: (1) payment of the issue fee (unless a petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.313 is granted); (2) abandonment of the application; or (3) the filing of a notice of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit under 35 U.S.C. §141, or the commencement of a civil action under 35 U.S.C. §145 or §146 (unless the appeal or civil action is terminated).

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114: (check items that apply)

## a. Previously submitted:

Please enter and consider the amendment/reply previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

Please consider the Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s) previously filed on \_\_\_\_ but not considered.

[ ] Please consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on \_\_\_\_.

[ ] Other \_\_\_\_.

b. Enclosed are:

[ X ] Preliminary Amendment.

[ X ] Declaration(s) of Dr. Dhar.

[ ] Information Disclosure Statement.

[ ] Form PTO-1449 with copies of \_\_\_\_ listed reference(s).

[ ] Other .

Miscellaneous:

[ ] Suspension of action of the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_ months.

The filing fee is calculated below:

	Claims as Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Fee Totals
RCE Fee 1.17(e):				\$770.00	= \$770.00
Total Claims:	41	-	43 = 0	x \$18.00	= \$0.00
Independents	1	-	3 = 0	x \$86.00	= \$0.00
First presentation of any Multiple Dependent Claims:			+ \$290.00		= \$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL:	= \$770.00

[ X ] Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	0	\$0.00
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00		\$420.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00		\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00		\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE SUBTOTAL:			\$420.00
	EXTENSION FEE ALREADY PAID:			\$0.00
	EXTENSION FEE TOTAL			\$420.00
	CLAIMS AND EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:			\$1190.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):			\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Suspension of action requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c)			\$0.00
	TOTAL FEE:			\$1190.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$1190.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$1190.00 to cover the filing fee is enclosed.

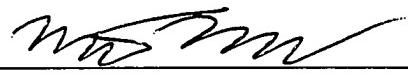
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date February 26, 2004

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